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# POOLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.



GENTLEMEN,

It is my pleasure to submit to you my Tenth Annual Report on the Sanitary Conditions and Vital Statistics of the Rural District of Poole, which includes Canford, Kinson, Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers.

The appended forms A and B, relating to Deaths and Sickness are filled up in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Board.

The *Population* of the whole District from June 1st, 1894, to June 1st, 1895, numbers 4,083, or from January 1st to the 31st December, 1895, 4,121, an increase of 73.

The Acreage of the whole District is 18,853. The Mileage 64, and one Furlong.

The *Births* from January 1st to December 31st, 1895, number 123—61 Males and 62 Females or 30·1 per thousand.

*Table shewing Births in the District in each Month.*

Distribution.	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Canford ... ..	3	3	3	2	4	1	5	3	3	4	1	6	38
Kinson ... ..	3	7	7	2	2	4	6	7	4	2	4	3	51
Lytchett Minster ... ..	2	...	...	5	2	2	...	...	3	1	4	...	19
Lytchett Matravers ... ..	2	3	2	3	...	1	...	...	1	...	3	...	15
	10	13	12	12	8	8	11	10	11	7	12	9	123

The *Deaths* of the whole District for 1895—50 equal to 12·1 per thousand.

*Table of Deaths in the District for 1895, Classified according to Localities and Ages.*

MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.

Distribution.	At all Ages.	Under 1 Year	1 and under 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 20.	25 to 65.	65 and Upwards	Total.
Canford .. ..	11	6	2	..	..	1	2	11
Kinson .. ..	20	6	1	..	1	2	10	20
Lytchett Minster..	7	2	3	..	..	..	2	7
Lytchett Matravers	12	1	4	..	..	4	3	12
Total ..	50	15	10		1	7	17	50

*Table of Deaths in the District for 1895, Classified according to Diseases.*

	Diphtheria	Puerpal Fever.	Influenza.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis Pneum'nia & Pleurisy	Heart. Disease.	Diarrhoea	Injuries.	All others.	Total.
CANFORD.										
Under 5					1		3		3	6
5 and Upwards				1		1	1		2	5
KINSON.										
Under 5				1			2		5	8
5 and Upwards		1	2	3	1	1	1		3	12
LYTCHETT MINSTER.										
Under 5	1								2	3
5 and Upwards.								1	3	4
LYTCHETT MATRAVERS										
Under 5					4				2	6
5 and Upwards.				1	1	2			2	6

*Table of Infectious Cases in the District, Notified in the Year 1895.*

Date.	Name.	Age.	Locality.	Disease.
April 5	E. M.	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Lytchett Minster	Diphtheria
" 7	J.C.W.	8	" "	Scarletina
" 11	J.C.S.	5	" "	Diphtheria
" 15	M.	7 m'hs	" "	"
May 23	G. S.	8 y'rs.	Kinson	"
" 26	A. B.	3 "	Lytchett Minster	Scarlet Fever
Sept. 20	E. S.	10 "	Kinson	"
Oct. 2	S. C.	10 "	"	"
Sept. 6	E. F.	41 "	Lytchett Minster	Erysipelas
Nov. 8	A.D.L.	7 "	Canford	Scarlet Fever
"	G. L.	6 "	"	"
"	M.A.L.	9 "	"	"
"	F. L.	5 "	"	"
Dec. 3	W. B.	17 "	Kinson	"
" 4	F.L.W.	22 "	Canford	"
" 11	L. H.	4 "	Lytchett Minster	"
" 11	C.T.H.	10 m'hs	"	"
" 14	R. S.	6 y'rs.	Canford	"
" 14	R.	3 "	"	"

The Notification Act of 1889 came into force on the 1st of March, 1892.

#### INDIVIDUALISING CASES.

1st.—*Diphtheria*.—The first 3 cases were notified in April from Lytchett Minster, two families using the same pump

adjoining a farm yard with surface water running into it, which however, in appearance and taste (the water) seemed good. I nevertheless, had a sample sent to the Public Analyst, who reported it unfit for drinking. The Well was consequently condemned—a fresh one sunk, and now both man and beast are supplied with an indefinite quantity of the pure element. The one other case was reported from a Farm at West Howe, a weakly child who was immediately removed to the Infectious Hospital when the disease became manifest, Death followed two days after admission, the farm premises were fumigated, and neither parents, brother or sister became affected.

2nd.—*Scarlet Fever*.—Fourteen cases were brought to my notice during the year, happening in the months of April, May, September, October, November and December—7 from Canford, 4 from Lytchett Minster, and 3 from Kinson, all of a mild type. In each case a spread of the disease was arrested, and fumigation was carried out by the authorities in all instances but one, that at a farm house.

In consequence of the Postman, whose father keeps the Post Office and Grocer's Shop at Broadstone becoming stricken with Scarlet Fever, the whole neighbourhood became alarmed and learning from the Schoolmaster that 60 children were suffering from the malady, I wrote to all the Laundresses (18) in the District, requesting them not to send or receive any fresh linen at their houses until hearing from me. I was round the whole District the day but one after, and was convinced there was no reason for the scare, only finding two cases. The Postman was removed to the infectious hospital and the premises fumigated by the P. D. C. Servants, since then no new case has transpired.

3rd.—*Erysipelas*.—One mild case occurred at Lytchett Minster in an elderly woman suffering from an inflamed tooth which was removed, the Erysipelas following.



4th.—*Influenza*.—On April 7th the Schoolmaster at Broadstone brought me a list of 42 out of his roll of 130, who he thought were afflicted with Influenza. It being within a week of the Easter Holidays, I closed the School and there the matter ended. Two elderly people died at Kinson, one a female aged 84 in March, another male 81 in June of this year.

*Bakehouses*.—All are much improved, a few minor details however have yet to be carried out to render them perfect.

*Slaughter-houses*.—I am quite satisfied at the present time with all in the District, I hope the day will arrive when Public Abattoirs are compulsory in all District Councils, both Rural and Urban.

*School Attendance*.—This is quite up to the average. The Inspector's periodical examinations are now fortunately extinct, no further cramming need be necessary, which in a Rural District must do infinite harm, more through work taking its place.

*Infectious Hospital*.—This was built at Alderney in the Kinson District in 1889. It has been used seven times during this year. The building and administration are all that can be desired, and when it contains a record book, nothing will remain to make everything quite perfect.

*Water Supply*.—The Districts of Kinson and part of Canford are supplied by the Poole Water Works, Hatch Pond, and Bournemouth Water Works. Many of the Wells at both Lytchett's are unsatisfactory, as some of the reports from the Public Analyst show. This matter has been under consideration, and will have for sometime to come, my constant attention.

*Inspection of Districts*.—This has been systematic and varied. A great deal of my time and much more will have to be devoted to the Higher Lytchett District. Having been requested by the Council on Nov. 14th, to make a house to house inspec-

tion—part of this has been already done. Most of the buildings are constructed of mud with straw thatch, many merging, some well advanced into the ventilating delapidated variety. Such important matters as overcrowding, bad water supply, delapidated buildings, &c. are being dealt with, as time goes on I shall hope to give full particulars in my report next year.

*Coroner's Inquests.*—Two took place in the year, both at Lytchett Matravers, the first, in June, a child of 18 months, died from convulsive fits, the other an engine driver at Lytchett Minster in November.

*Pig-stye Nuisances* have been rather more frequent this year. I find those who do not keep animals of their own, do not in some instances like their neighbours to keep them, especially when they are not kept clean.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN R. PHILPOTS.

“Moorcroft,” Parkstone,

January 19th, 1896.





